

Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. John Hall (D-Dover) issued the following statement today in regards to reports that IBM is outsourcing thousands of Hudson Valley jobs.

"Any government funding or support to corporations should be used to create jobs here in the United States, not to send them overseas. If IBM can afford to buy up smaller companies and pay its CEO millions with the economy in its current state, then it shouldn't be outsourcing American jobs while seeking government assistance or seeking government contracts."

Congressman John Hall has been working to bring jobs to the area, especially to places such as the IBM campus where there is great potential to create local jobs. He also supports legislation soon to be introduced in Congress, the Patriot Corporations of America Act, which gives a preference in federal contracting to and cuts corporate taxes for companies that:

- Produce at least 90% of goods and services in the United States
 - Do not pay management-level employees at a rate more than 10,000% of the compensation of its lowest paid employee
 - Conduct at least 50% of research and development in the United States
 - Contribute at least 5% of payroll to a portable pension fund for employees
 - Pay at least 70% of employees' health insurance costs
 - Maintain a policy of neutrality in employee organizing drives
 - Provides full differential salary and insurance benefits for all National Guard and Reserve employees who are called to active duty
 - Have not violated federal regulations, including regulations relating to the environment, workplace safety, labor relations, and consumer protections.
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